

# GAZETTE

JANUARY 2023



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**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY?**

- 1/2 Office Closed
- 1/4 MC HOA Meeting
- 1/10 Residents Council Meeting
- 1/12 HR HOA Meeting
- 1/13 Bulk Trash
- 1/17 Potluck
- 1/24 Pie Contest
- 1/27 Bulk Trash

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY?**

- 2/1 MC HOA Meeting
- 2/9 HR HOA Meeting
- 2/10 Bulk Trash
- 2/11 Winter Art & Craft Fair
- 2/12 Quarter Raffle
- 2/21 Broadway Palms Theater
- 2/24 Bulk Trash

***New Residents***

**Bodnar, Mark & Carol**

4015 Carter Creek Dr.



**Doug Troke**

**Ralph Gendron**



Tennis has resumed for the season and we welcome new players and old friends. We play Tuesdays at 9 am and Saturdays at 9:30 am. All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to come out, even if it's been decades since you've played. We play a "Round Robin - Open Play" format which allows players to arrive early and leave early or arrive later and leave later, or stay for the duration. So, if you only have half an hour or so, feel free to drop in. Spare rackets are available.

Contact Carla or Don Hebert [scad2@hotmail.ca](mailto:scad2@hotmail.ca) with questions or just show up!



- Bocce Ball** - supplies are in the shed
  - Shuffleboard Courts** - supplies are in the shed
  - Horseshoe Pits** - supplies are in the shed
  - Tennis Courts** - bring your own water bottle
  - Pickle ball Courts** - bring your own water bottle
  - Basketball Hoop** - we do have 2 basketballs that you can sign out if you don't have one
  - Corn Hole** - we have 2 portable games call the office to sign out
  - Oversize Connect Four lawn game** - we have 2 games call the office to sign out
- Any questions regarding these amenities please call the office at 863-471-1115.

# FOR SALE



For Sale—\$300 mobility scooter.

GO GO Elite traveler from pride mobility products lists around \$1114.00 new 300 lb. capacity, 33 inch turning radius, range about 7.5 miles, heaviest part about 29.5 lbs. Total 75.5 lb. in weight, comes apart so it can be carried in a trunk or back of SUV. May need new battery. For more info please call 863-314-8788

Power tools and hand tools for sale. Please call David Norcross at 863-273-8293

2009 Yamaha XV250 2800 miles, like new.  
\$2600.00 ask for Ken 863 382-9184

Ladies bicycle and helmet for sale  
like new.... \$100.00  
can be seen at 3243 East Pebble Creek Dr  
barely rode... I can no longer ride it for  
heath reasons.. Bev Crabtree

## Winter Art & Craft Fair

Saturday, February 11th, 2023

8 am to Noon in Founder's Hall

Tables are \$10 each Limited 2 tables  
per person

Please come by the Admin Office to  
reserve your table.

## Broadway Palms Theatre "Jersey Boys"

Tuesday, February 21st, 2023

Leave at 9 am from Founder's Hall  
Lunch at 11:30 am, Show time 1:00 pm  
\$105 per person

Includes: Transportation, lunch and show.  
Tickets are available at the Admin Office.

The 6th annual Quarter Raffle is coming again on Feb. 12th from 1-3pm at Founders Hall.

Doors will open at 12 noon. Our charity this year will be Food for Families.

**ADVANCED SALE TICKETS ONLY.** Tickets are \$5.00 each. This ticket you must have with you in order to get in the door. Someone will be at the door to collect yours. You will also have the option to purchase a \$50.00 paddle in addition to the door ticket that allows you a chance on every item. That can be done ahead of time or the day of.

We do ask that anyone that will be helping with this event whether it is a runner, donator, Vanna White impersonator or otherwise please support this event. Snacks, sweet tea, unsweet tea, soda and coffee available.

We will have some great items for the raffle such as gift certificates to restaurants, golf pkg., automotive, scratch tickets, and 2-\$100 bills just to name a few.

There will be bankers there so if you need quarters, bring your bills and we will sell you quarters. There are rolls, which are \$10 and half rolls for \$5.00. If you have your own that's fine also. If you run out and just need a few dollars, that can happen.

Then there is the Share the Wealth arm's length of tickets for \$5.00. The winner's number drawn will receive half of the pot, the other half will go to the Highlands Ridge Chorale in memory of Kim Lathwell who was our MC for the first 4 yrs.

So will all this info, if you haven't had a chance to be a part of this exciting event, please consider coming. IF you have any questions that I might be able to help you with, feel free to ask, call me or email me.

My e-mail is [corvette@myfairpoint.net](mailto:corvette@myfairpoint.net). My phone is 863-314-6306.

Tickets will be available at water aerobics, bingo and at my home. As we get closer to the event, we will be selling at the South Course on Fridays at 11.

### Pickleball Club

By: Arlene Taylor, Secretary

Two pickleball clinics were held recently for beginner and intermediate levels. They were sponsored by Kimberlie Oppold of Edward Jones.

The HR league has been practicing skills since the middle of Nov. trying to improve. Susan Ingram and Suzanne Sanford have been leading the skill sessions. Our league play will begin the middle of January, so our practices will continue.

Pickle palls has been going strong on Tuesday mornings at 10:00. This is for women only, so come and join us. Open play is open to all every morning starting at 8:00.

See you at the pickleball courts.

Happy New Year!



### Chorale News

By: Karen O'Laughlin, Secretary



### Happy New Year Highlands Ridge!

Well, here we go again, the start of another year. Let's hope 2023 is the beginning of a healthier world for us all. I for one am looking forward to this new year. A new start for us all.

With that being said, we in Chorale are looking forward to another Spring Concert being held in March. By then we have to expect that Covid will be waning and we can go ahead and sing for you all. We can only hope and pray that is the case.

So, we are going ahead with our **Patron Program**. Please consider becoming a Patron if you love our chorale and want us to keep performing. It's only **\$50.00** and it allows us to purchase new music and pay our musicians to complete our performance. There are forms to fill out available in the HR Office or just send a check to Jo Johnson (her address is in the directory) or give to any chorale member. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Now our **Spaghetti Dinner** will also go forward on **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**. We plan to have two sittings again at **4:30pm** and **6:00pm**. For those of you that are new to HR, this had become an annual event (before Covid) and is our most successful fund raiser. The dinner is made and served entirely by our members and some special friends. It's a lot of work, but also a lot of fun. We serve spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. And the price is only **\$10.00**. It usually is always a sellout so when the tickets do become available, get yours early! I will have more information in January's column on who's selling tickets and where you can get them.

I hope your Christmas was everything you wanted and here's to a fabulous New Year!

**Animal News**

Submitted by: Denise Beauparlant, *Resident*

**CRITTER CORNER**

Well the holidays are now behind us, and hopefully the delightful cooler weather will settle in. It's a great time to get out and enjoy the amazing surroundings, and all the wildlife in the area. As I'm sure you all noticed there was an abundance of acorns, with that comes an uptick in the grey squirrel population. Most are juveniles right now, so they skitter about with crazy antics incorporating play with scavenging for food. Please watch your speed, as they will dart out in front of you with very little warning!

For those of you who drive around the community, you will see our white tail deer in various places. As the rut, or mating season, begins in the next two months, they may be less visible in their usual grazing areas. Many have enjoyed watching the fawns from last spring grow and become more independent of their Moms. The herd here in Highlands Ridge is around 12, with one mature male. If you are very observant, you will notice a darkening of their coats as the days began to get shorter. The Fish and Wildlife Commission of Florida closely monitor the white trail deer in the state, to protect them from various diseases plaguing other states.

Another fascinating natural phenomenon at this time of year is the artwork of the spiders. When warm and cold air clash, we often get heavy fog. On those mornings the most intricate and beautiful webs can be seen everywhere. Every evening outside my back door a brown spider makes a new web each night. Of course I've nicknamed her Charlotte! She does an incredible job of catching mosquitoes, for which I am very grateful. In the morning she has retreated to the tree limbs above. Her "artwork" is beautiful. So take some time to stop and look about. With the world in turmoil, it's refreshing to just enjoy the environment around us!

**Library News**

Have you been to the library recently? If you haven't you've not seen the latest changes. Our hope is to make the HR library a welcome place to visit.

First of all we have many new volunteers including our new head librarian Joanne Smith.

Other volunteers are: Angie Weaver, Barbara Jordan, Brenda Scruton, Charlene Brelinski, Dianne Ouillette, Fran Hooker, Jan Weideman, Jill Thiel, Judy Morris, Lou Ann Watson, Margie Edsall, Rhoda Thiel, Serena Carter and Suzanne Safford. Many changes have already been made. We have created more room for hardback and softback books to make it easier for new donations to be shelved. A donation center is now located between the two chairs. This is where you can put any items other than books you want to give away for free.

In the future we hope to have some more shelving installed so that we can move other books around to be easier for everyone to locate categories. We will also have shelf markers to help you find these categories. If you are looking for James Patterson books they are now in the right hand corner in the front section of the library .

We welcome donations but please nothing before copyright date of 2009 for paperback fiction and nothing before copyright date of 2010 for hardback fiction. Puzzles and games are still also accepted. I feel our library has a good selection of all these items and I , myself, do not feel the need to buy books or puzzles.

If you haven't visited the library recently come on over, settle in on the couch and just take in all the changes. More are coming. Stay tuned.



## Book Club News

by Mary Ann Romer, Resident

On December 15, 2022 the Highlands Ridge Book Club met at 3-Gen's for lunch and had a discussion of "The Girl with the Louding Voice" by Abi Dare'. We had a lively discussion of an incredible book about women's rights, equal access to education, finding your "louding" voice, overcoming oppression, hope for the future, women as mentors/role models, and friendship.

On **Thursday, January 19, 2023** we will discuss:

**"The Paris Library"** by **Janet Skeslien Charles**

This book is based on the true story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris during World War II— It is a moving and unforgettable "ode to the importance of libraries, books, and the human connections we find within both".

We hope that everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year.

We hope to see you at the next meeting. Everyone is welcome!!



## Chaplains Corner

By Rocky Power, Chaplain



Happy New Year 2023 Highlands Ridge

By now, I hope you have enjoyed and celebrated the 2022 Christmas and holiday season. Some have stayed, others have traveled. Before I share, there was a link in my last months post that was omitted.

Please find time to watch this mans, (Lawyers) journey investigating into this Star of Bethlehem. Its most interesting. See link. Very scientific!  
<https://youtu.be/exmbuX1NffU>.

A New Year's thought I have.

What is one of the first thoughts that come to mind when you hear the word repentance?

Is it a positive, or negative thought?

My guess is for most of us in a negative frame of mind. Next question. Is there any comparison one can think of to the word resolution?

How so?

I would simply define repentance as going in one direction, stopping, turning around and going the other direction. Or of having experienced quite an enlightenment to change one's mind on a matter. This can be very good!

We all suffer with a pride problem. As I do.

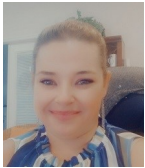
The truth does hurt. We have to be honest with ourselves and with a spirit of humility, practice repentance. Lets set the resolution in place for 2023. Ask God for the strength and perseverance to do it.

I continue to be very impressed with the caring nature of neighbors within this community . But,

If I can help you with any endeavor, please reach out to me.

I am determined I've made up my mind. I'll serve the LORD.

God Bless and keep you.

**The Ridge Report**

By: Heather Hinsley, Community Manager



I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! I would also like to say, "Thank you" to everyone who brought in sweets, cards, and gifts for the Office and Maintenance Staff. We greatly appreciate all of your kindness during the Holiday season.

**Gazette:** Please remember any items submitted to the Gazette are to be sent to [gazette@highlandsridge.com](mailto:gazette@highlandsridge.com) and by the 20th of the prior month's publication.

**Marina Cove Residents:** A management request form must be submitted to the administrative office for any type of exterior change to your home or lot per the Rules and Regulations. The request must be presented in writing prior to executing a contract with a vendor or performing any change. Please allow at least two weeks to review and research your request. Forms are available at the community information center board, online on our website, [highlandsridge.com](http://highlandsridge.com) and in the administrative office. All concerns/issues must be submitted in writing. The rules and regulations state, "Two flags per home maybe installed on a single flag pole in front yard or a flag holder on garage." You must have management's prior approval before the installation.

**Entrance Gates:** Both the South and North entrance gates have been repaired and tested. Please check the battery in your gate clicker to ensure it is working properly. The gates will open at 6 am and close at 8 pm every day. When a guest arrives after hours they will call from the gate system and residents must hit #9 to let their guest into the gates. If your code does not work please contact the Admin Office during business hours.

**Golf Villa Pool:** The Golf Villa pool deck has been repainted along with the pool furniture. We are adding railing covers to both pools and spa.

**RV Storage Lot:** Storage lot rent was due by December 31st and we are working on updating all information. We will begin contacting those on the waiting list with available spots for the North and South lots.

**Rules and Regulations for Pets:** All pets must be kept under control at all times, must on a leash no longer than 15 feet when walked and never be tied to the outside of the home. **Pets are not permitted in the clubhouse or other recreational facility areas.** Pets are not permitted on any lot, other than the owner's. Any pet excrement must be cleaned up by the owner immediately.

**Drop Boxes:** There are 3 drop boxes located in front of Founder's Hall for all residents to utilize when dropping off payments, documents, or forms.

Due to the increase in Covid cases throughout the community, Management is asking all residents to wear mask inside all rooms and facilities. Before leaving any room, please make sure to wipe down and sanitize any tables or items used. Cleaning supplies have been supplied in each room.



"Let's Keep Highlands Ridge Beautiful"

## The Villages of Highlands Ridge HOA

By: Judy Burmaster, *Secretary*

The Board is currently working on the 55+ audit that is required by federal law. It is also working on adding rules and regulations to clarify the covenants. One efficient way to get this important information out to homeowners is by Constant Contact emails.

**IF** you are a member of the HRHOA, **and are not receiving** our Constant Contact emails, either you aren't on our list, **OR**, you may have inadvertently hit the "Unsubscribe" button.

We would love to add those who aren't receiving our information, or those who want to be added back to the list, but we need your permission.

To do so, please contact a Board member and ask to be added. **We will need** the owner's name (s), property address, (and primary address, if you are seasonal), phone number (s) and an email address to add you to the list.

Hopefully, this will help you receive the information and keep you up to date on what is happening in our community.

## Marina Cove HOA

By: Elaine Hall, *Secretary*



Marina Cove board met December 7 and 9 guests attended. Heather reported about the gates malfunctioning and they have a target date of December 16 to have the problem solved. She gave update on Villa pool regarding repair and cleaning. She also said that road repairs will take place after the first of the year and the basketball court would be first. Buildings and rooms have been sanitized due to flu and covid so residents please use the phone or drop boxes for office business if at all possible.

Food for families was a good success with \$1175.00 collected and lots of food.

Kathy Fenoff reported on the Quarter Raffle and tickets will be available for sale starting in January in the area around Founder's Hall, water aerobics and other places. Anyone that would like to help with this event please contact Kathy. The event will be held February 12 in Founder's Hall.

Dues notices will be sent out in January and all residents are urged to pay them promptly as dues need to be paid to be able to vote at the March meeting.

## Highlands Ridge Resident's Council

By: Susan Ingram *President*

Thank you to everyone that decorated their homes, their golf carts and dressed up in wacky Christmas costumes.

Holly Jolly would not be a success without the many hours of work by the Residents Council who are your neighbors.

Please thank them in person when you see them: Beth Peterson, Kim Kuster, Cheryl Thompson, Jim Haas, Jenny Bilyeau, Kathy Wentworth, Rhoda Thiel, Jill Thiel, Diane Steulett and Susan Ingram.

We would also like to thank the following people who helped with the many duties to make Holly Jolly a success: Ivan and Alicia Alonzo, Mark Steulett, Joe Thiel, John Ingram, Phyllis and Norm Sipple, Cindy Becker, Patti Haas, Larry Peterson, Bob Garbaris, Steve and Suzanne Safford, Nancy Ostapowicz and Margie Edsall.

Thank you also to those that baked cookies for the evening program.

Of course, we can't forget the office crew, Heather Hinsley, and the maintenance crew for all of their help as well.

( Pictures from Holly Jolly are located on the back page of the Gazette. )





**LGA 9-Hole News**

By: Judy Artos, VP LGA

Happy Healthy New Year to all-2023! Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

The 9 hole ladies kicked off the holiday season with our Christmas-"I'll Be Gnome For Christmas" Golf Tournament on December 5 followed by a wonderful luncheon at 3 Gen's on December 6.

Here are the winners of our tournament:

First Place: Rhoda Thiel and Brenda Scruton

Second Place: Terry Kalis, Doris Morenzoni, Elaine Hall

Third Place: Pam Tiffany, Norma Walton, Sue Nicholson



Congratulations Ladies! Once again our HR ladies have shown how very generous our community is.

On December 14 children of the Boys and Girls Club were given a wonderful opportunity to Christmas shop for their moms. This was made possible by all the gifts that were donated by our 9 and 18 hole LGA.

Thanks to all our volunteers who made this a success. A very special thank you to Brenda Scruton for organizing this event. The boys and girls were so excited to shop for their moms then wrap the gifts. Truly a wonderful and rewarding day.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming events in January and February: January 22 Sadie Hawkins Golf Tournament / Dinner February 15 Valentine's Day Golf Tournament February 16 Valentine's Day Lunch February 22 9/18 Mixer hosted by LGA 9

Details and sign up sheets for these events will be in the screen room at the South course

**Paradise Pride Update**

By: Pam Wick, President

Things have been fairly quiet, since we are waiting to meet with the new golf course owners to determine how we can best support them. Once we receive direction/advice from them we will be able to update you on future projects.

If you play in the Fall-Spring Couples League, consider signing up for the Hole-In-One Challenge. Anyone that has a hole-in-one during couples play, will split half of the collected money. (The other half goes to Paradise Pride to pay for projects). Entry fee is \$5 – which is good for the entire season - October 2022 through April 2023.

We've already had one hole in one this season. Congrats to Roger Gayer who had an ace on #13 South on 12/9/22. He used a 5 Hybrid from the Gold Tees. Right now, half of the pot is his, if no one else has a hole in one during the Friday Couples League.

Paradise Pride is a committee within Highlands Ridge that realizes the importance of our courses, not only for our home values, but also for the enjoyment of our residents, guests, public and community.

Our mission statement is: To make Highlands Ridge golf course enhancements for our residents and welcomed guests.

If you are interested in helping with any events or if you have a special talent or just want to donate money please contact any of these committee members: Pam Wick, Marilyn Videbeck, Cheryl Racicot, Larry Ferrigan, Gary Kinser, Glenn or Nancy Guillemette.

Thank you for all your continued support in our efforts to make Paradise a little bit better.

**LGA NEWS**

By: Judy Artos, Vice-President, [judy.kopka@gmail.com](mailto:judy.kopka@gmail.com)

What a wonderful December that the LGA had. Lots of events, lots of winners and fun parties. Our two biggest events for the month were the Choose Up and the Christmas Scramble. A big shout out to the organizers of the events. Thank you Becky Hobbs for organizing the Christmas Scramble and Nancy Owens for the Choose Up. You both had helpers and wonderful volunteers, so a Thank you to all you folks. You all made wonderful events happen.

As far as the Winners: For the Christmas Scramble, Congratulations go to:  
 1st Place - Brenda Dorman, Cheryl Rasicot, Jane Dunham and Linda Sosely  
 2nd Place - Marianne Fischer, Sondra Wade, Carole Cardwell and Jo Ellen Lathwell  
 3rd Place - Judy Artos, Deb Martens, Donna Landers and Bobbi Pinckney  
 4th Place - Pam Wick, Cindy Becker, Terri Griffin and Marian Nielson  
 5th Place - Deb Reimer, Willie Faye Myers, Nancy Owens and Mary Ann Wick



And Congratulations for the Choose Up go to:  
 1st Place - Judy Artos, Willie Faye Myers, Terri Griffin and Kim Kuster  
 2nd Place - Pam Wick, Joellyn Hufford, Deb Zunk and Rhoda Thiel  
 3rd Place - Ann Meyer, Cindy Becker, Julie Haviland and Deb Ouillette  
 4th Place - Georgia Trissell, Linda Hathorn, Sheila MacNaughton and Marian Nielson  
 5th Place - Marianne Fischer, Cheryl Rasicot, Joan White and Doris Morenzoni



Congratulations again, to all these lovely ladies and please continue your support and commitment to the LGA as it provides a strong building block and foundation for Highlands Ridge. Thank you Everyone!!!



## MGA News

By: Phil Hunter, *Secretary*

Congratulations to Roger Gayer and Paul Taddeo who recently had holes-in-one! Roger's was during Friday Couples at the S. Course on hole #13 and witnessed by MGA member, Jay Fischer. Paul's was on hole #6 at the North Course and was witnessed by MGA member, Sonny Baltzell. Each has received a \$50 payout from the MGA.

**REMINDER:** All MGA members need to have a GHIN handicap index. Be sure to sign up for your 2023 GHIN handicap at the North Course Pro Shop before the January 20th deadline! Also, please post your scores for each round you play, preferably on the day you played the round, so that you maintain an accurate and fair handicap. Not posting scores is unacceptable!

Proposed changes to our by-laws will be emailed to you soon so that you can vote on them on Jan. 10th at our first 2 Man BB event at the N. Course.

As always, continue to sign up for our events at the S. Course screen room. Exception: For the Member/Member (Feb. 21 and 23) and the Member/Guest (March 23-25) you'll need to sign up and pay by check prior to the event at the N. Course Pro Shop.

While the Board is pleased with the number of members we have and for the great participation in our events so far, we are also happy to accept new members! Please call or text Randy Odell at 802-299-9801 for more information. Remember that you receive points for participation in each MGA event and also for where you place in the event. At the end of the season there will be payouts for those MGA members who've accumulated the most points.

Thank you, Ian Landry, for your help on your days off to post immediate results with the new televised scoring of our events!!! Everyone is thrilled with the new system.

Our January events are as follows:

Jan. 10th - Our first 2 Man BB event (formerly the Play with a Pro) N. Course at 12:30

Jan. 24th - First day of the MGA Championship at the N. Course at 12:30

Jan. 26th - Second day of the MGA Championship at the S. Course at 12:30

Here are the results from our last two events, the 2 Man Scramble and the Texas Scramble:

59 J. and M. Ouillette \$50  
 61 Derby/Fischer \$40  
 62 Cooper/Dundas \$32.50  
 62 Wucher/D. Brown \$32.50  
 63 Marchio/Hurless \$20.40 2 MAN SCRAMBLE  
 63 Martens/Murphy \$20.40  
 63 Taddeo/Zunk \$20.40  
 63 Ayers/Musch \$20.40  
 63 Shine/Hobbs \$20.40  
 64 Hunter/D.Ouillette \$13.00  
 65 Landry/Gayer \$10.00

64 Jerome/D. Brown \$50.00  
 65 Kauffman/Chiardini \$40.00  
 65 Thompson/Ostapowicz \$40.00  
 66 Epling/Sutherland \$23.00  
 66 Hurless/Hufford \$23.00 2 MAN TEXAS SCRAMBLE  
 66 S. Tullar/C. Smith \$23.00  
 66 D.Ouillette/Hunter \$23.00  
 66 Odell/Baltzell \$23.00



The MGA would like to congratulate the new owners of our golf courses and wish them the best as they work to improve conditions at both courses.



**Highlands Ridge Holdings**

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

**Administration**  
Phone: 863-471-1115  
Fax: 863-471-3398

**The Tavern**  
863-453-7600

**3 Gen's Grill**  
863-201-7135

**Golf Courses**  
North: 863-453-9991  
South: 863-471-2299

**Highlands County  
Sheriffs Dept.**  
**EMERGENCY 911**  
Non-emergency  
863-402-7200

**Highlands County  
Recycling**  
863-655-6400

**Animal Control**  
863-402-6730

**Duke Energy**  
800-228-8485  
Outages  
800-700-8744 Service

**City of Sebring  
Utilities Department**  
863-471-5112 /  
471-0166

**Century Link**  
1-800-788-3600

**Comcast Cable**  
1-800-934-6489

**Tax Collector**  
863-402-6685

**Waste Connections  
Garbage Collection**  
863-655-0005

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